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## “CIRQUE DEVOU DEUX”

(The KSO & Circus Mojo team-up again to define clowning around)

**7:30 p.m. August 31, 2013**

**Devou Park Amphitheatre. Covington**

The circus is coming back to Devou Park on August 31st. There won't be a big-top tent or elephants, but high flying, spinning, firebreathing, juggling acrobats and clowns will offer fun, thrills and nostalgia for the entire family.

**Paul Miller**, owner and founder of Circus Mojo (in Ludlow KY), and former Ringling Bros. clown, convinced his professional circus colleagues from around the country and the world to converge on Covington's Devou Park for a one-night only extravaganza,

accompanied live by members of the KSO. International circus performer **Christian Stoinev** and his chihuahua **Scooby** will perform their award winning act—<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HYSuYU6cvL4>,

while Mexico native and aerial acrobat, **Omar Fuentes** goes both vertical and horizontal atop the Chinese poles. 2012 U.S. National Wheel Gymnastics Champion **Luisina Rosas** and **Sam Sake** dazzle in a duo German wheel act to Adele's "Someone Like You." —

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1vhRoxOU3yE>. Director **Aaron**

**Easterbrooks** leads an international contingent of circus performers from Ethiopia, Argentina, Hungary, Bulgaria, Tanzania, Mexico, together with local Circus Mojo performers. Musically, the



**Christian Stoinev & Scooby**



**Luisina Rosas**

KSO digs into the old circus band music as well as the klezmer-esque sounds of **Peter Bufano's** Cirkestra, plus pop, jazz and Cirque du Soleil tunes and movie favorites (see program). Featured singer **Michelle Wells** adds to the "Cirque" musical variety.

The concessions have stocked up on popcorn, hotdogs, cotton candy and snowcones, plus area food trucks will make an appearance. So all we need to close out the the KSO's 19th Summer in Devou Park is you! Join Music Director James Cassidy and the KSO with Circus Mojo, **Saturday, August 31 at 7:30 p.m.** The **TANK Shuttle** from **Covington Catholic** to the band shell is back this year from 6:00 -7:30 p.m. for \$1 each way. Permanent rest-rooms and concessions are now available on-site. Bring blankets or lawnchairs. For more information and directions, visit the KSO at [www.kyso.org](http://www.kyso.org) or call

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Aaron Easterbrooks, *Director*  
Doctor Degauss, Omar Fuentes, Sharon Miller,  
Lusiana Rosas, Sam Sake, Christian Stoinev & Scooby,  
Chance Sumuni, Meshu Tamrat  
*Circus Mojo Troupe*

## Music

## Composer

## Act

Entry Of The Gladiators	Julius Fucik	Parade of Performers
Walkin' Around	Peter Bufano*	Young Circus Performers
Overture	Bufano*	Young Circus Performers
Walkin' on Sunshine	Kimberly Rew†	Rolling Globes
Shifty / Superman Theme	Bufano* / John Williams	Floor Acrobatics & Juggling
Mission Impossible Theme	Schifrin†	Chinese Poles
Waltz	Bufano*	Comedy
Good Vibrations	M.C. Spice	Rope Jumping
Charivari	Bufano*	Aerial Silks
Alegria (theme)	Benoit Jutras*	Cyr Wheel
Chris & Scooby	arr. Woolley	Hand Balancing / Dog Act

## *Intermission*

Banquine (from Journey of Man)	Benoit Jutras*	Aerial Straps and Fire
Human Cannonball	Bufano*	Floor Acrobatics
Wipe Out	Bob Berryhill†	Rola Bola
Black Bottom Stomp	Jelly Roll Morton	Group Juggling
Cat & Fox	Bufano*	High Wire
Ozzy Circus Bus	Bufano*	Balance Comedy
Efels	Bufano*	Duo Aerial Silks / Acrobatics
Someone Like You	Adele Adkins	German Wheel
Barnum and Bailey's Favorite	Karl King	Finale Parade
Bennett's Triumphal	Melvin Ribble	Exit

\* arrangements by Scot Woolley † arrangements by Terry LaBolt

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## Circus Artist Bios

**Paul Miller** (*Producer / Performer*) Paul Miller (Producer / Performer) Paul is the innovator of Circus Mojo, an organization created for both pure entertainment and social change. Under Paul's direction, Circus Mojo offers classes, corporate team buildings, and special events and adapts the circus to unique environments such as nursing homes, juvenile detention centers, and hospitals. Some of Circus Mojo's national clients include the University of Minnesota and Texas Children's Hospital and local clients include Proctor & Gamble, Children's Home of Northern Kentucky, and Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, the third leading children's hospital in the nation. Paul is thrilled to be jointly producing tonight's event with the Kentucky Symphony Orchestra in the very place that gave him his start.



In 1992, the summer before his junior year at Covington Catholic, Paul began his professional performance career in Devou Park in 1992 where he played four small roles in Richard III, in a summer Shakespeare troupe. Paul went on to study theatre at the UC's College Conservatory of Music (CCM). In 1996 he left college to tour with Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus. During Paul's time in the circus, he drove the proverbial clown car, walked on stilts and fell in love with entertaining. The following year he returned to graduate with a degree in Dramatic Performance from CCM. For the past 20 years, Paul has made a living teaching and performing in New York City, Japan, Chicago, Germany, and, once again, Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati. Coming full circle, Paul will teach movement classes in January at CCM.

In 2009 Paul bought what was first a movie theatre (1946) and then a clutch manufacturing facility in Ludlow, KY. Now known as the Ludlow Theatre and home of Circus Mojo, the building recently received state and federal historic tax credits and has been named to The National Historic Registry. The City of Ludlow, viewing Circus Mojo as a key to downtown economic redevelopment, sold Paul the former Church of God and headquarters of Duro Bag for \$1. The building is being converted into the first training center in the USA dedicated to social circus (a tool for social change and development). Since the first KSO / Mojo performance in 2010, circus performers from over 15 countries have appeared and stayed overnight in Ludlow. Paul feels privileged to work with these artists and showcase their unique talents at the Ludlow Theatre and other area venues.

**Aaron Easterbrooks** (*Director / Performer*) Aaron has a BA in Theater from the University of Washington, and has over twenty years of experience in corporate, theatrical, festival and entertainment production. He has worked with Cirque du Soleil, Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines, Nickelodeon TV and Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey Circus. Aaron has produced theatrical events and festivals for Elizabeth Taylor, Audi, Sony, Guess, PacBell, McDonald's and numerous celebrated Variety events in and around Los Angeles, CA. Aaron currently resides in Hungary with his wife and son.

**Christian Stoinev** (*Hand balancer, dog act*) Christian Stoinev truly has circus in his blood. Born to a Bulgarian circus acrobat and a Mexican aerialist in Sarasota FL (home of Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey Circus), Christian made his circus debut at age six, standing on the shoulders of his father in a free-ladder balancing act. His parents taught him all basic circus disciplines, and over time, Christian became a proficient unicyclist and hand balancer. In 2001, Christian joined the Big Apple Circus resident company as an acrobat. He competed in 2005 in the Festival Première Rampe in Monte Carlo, where he received a Bronze Medal and Prince Rainier's Special Award. Christian was featured in the NBC TV show *America's Got Talent* in 2007 and has appeared in many television shows around the world. He performed with Britney Spears's Circus tour at Nassau Coliseum on Long Island, N.Y.

**Luisina Rosas** (German Wheel) is a professional circus artist from Buenos Aires, Argentina who specializes in the German Wheel, but also performs aerials, floor acrobatics, trampoline and juggling. Starting as a gymnast at age seven, she has been both performing and competing around the world for the past 10 years. In 2011, Luisina competed in the Wheel Gymnastics World Championships, in Arnsberg, Germany, and she is the 2012 USA National Wheel Champion of the Women Division. Luisina is currently based in Chicago, where she continues her performing career as well as coaching on the German Wheel with eight-time World Champion Wolfgang Bientzle.

**Samuel Sake** (German Wheel) is a professional circus artist originally from Ethiopia. Samuel specializes in German Wheel and his circus skills also include floor acrobatics, mini-trampoline, diabolo, juggling, unicycle, globe-walking, and clowning.

Samuel started his circus training when he moved to the USA in 2005. He traveled and performed with the Chicago Youth Circus all over the states and Germany. In 2009, Samuel became the first African native to compete in the Wheel Gymnastics World Championships, in Switzerland.

**Meshu Tamrat** – (*Acrobat, Juggling*) Born in Ethiopia, Meshu began learning circus at the age of eight and helped found Debub Nigat (The Circus of the Southern Dawn), the brainchild of Berekit Dana, a Red Cross employee who had the idea to bring the circus to Awassa Ethiopia to help kids find focus and learn skills. Debub Nigat performed at markets throughout Awassa, Ethiopia's capital. They created a partnership with medical group TENA TBIKA, a public health group that sponsored a van and hired a driver to transport the circus to perform all over Ethiopia. They began performing circuses to draw crowds to raise awareness for vaccination efforts. Meshu is the founder of the Kibera Social Circus, which sits in the largest urban slum in Africa just outside Nairobi, Kenya. He is skilled in choreography, tumbling, sport acro, and juggling. Meshu and Paul Miller have worked together on various projects for the past five years and joined to create the Social Circus Foundation to fund circus in non-traditional environments.

**Chance Sumuni** (*Acrobat, Chinese Poles*) Chance was born in the Congo and moved to Tanzania when he was three years old, where he eventually started performing. His performing resume grew as he started working with the United Nations High Commissioner on Refugees. Chance has been working with Circus Mojo for several months and is proud to be part of the Circus Mojo team.

**Sharon Miller** (*Aerialist / Silks*) Sharon Miller began her circus training in Mexico City. She moved to Cincinnati in 2010 and began working with Circus Mojo as a teacher, performer and summer camp director. Her work at Circus Mojo has allowed Sharon to tour Germany and perform under the big tops at Ringling Bros and UniverSoul Circus.

**Omar Fuentes** – (*Aerial Straps & Acro, Cyr Wheel, Chinese Poles, Juggling*) Originally from Mexico City, Omar performed with Otro Circo for three years, and as a solo performer for many years. Omar is a guest artist at Circus Mojo, teaching summer camps and performing in numerous venues, including the Ludlow Theatre, Newport on the Levee and Camp O, a camp for kids on dialysis in Tennessee. In July 2013 he was the first Mexican national to compete in the International Gym Wheel Federation competition in Chicago.

**Hope Sophia Miller** (*Rolling Globes & Acrobat*) Cirque Devou Deux--woo-hoo! Hope is excited to perform in her second circus show at Devou Park two weeks before entering the second grade at St. Agnes. She specializes in the silks, rolling globe and acrobatics. An artist at heart, Hope is studying musical theatre at the Moss Academy, art classes at Baker Hunt, takes piano lessons. Last summer she trained and performed with Circus Pimparello in Southern Germany. Just like Pop, she loves an audience!

**Doctor Degauss, Circus Calamitus and Ballyhoo Bizarre** (*fire performance troupe*) is a collective of fire, flow, circus and sideshow performers from journeyman to veteran who have performed in a multitude of diverse venues around the tri-state area. Members of this talented troupe have performed their acts coast to coast and as far away as Europe and the Caribbean. Troupe leader Master Pokes is a performer, promoter, and teacher of the fire and flow arts. He grew up in the Airforce, lived around the world and has been part of the Circus Mojo team for the past three years.

**Michelle Wells, vocals** Michelle has performed with the KSO Boogie band in 11 shows singing over 80 songs of various genres. She also performed in the KSO's 2008 James Bond tribute and as Maria in 2007's Sound of Music in Devou Park. Michelle received her bachelor's degree from Northern Kentucky University in voice performance. Recent credits include roles in various musicals with the Covedale Theater, The Carnegie, Kincaid Regional Theater, and Showboat Majestic. She was most recently seen in The Carnegie's Camelot and as Serena in Legally Blonde at the Covedale Theatre. Michelle's most important role to date has been as mother to her two sons, Eli and Aiden. She performs regularly with the Cincinnati area band Powerhouse, and by day is the voice teacher at Mother of Mercy High School.

**Circus Mojo Troupe:** Omar Fuentes, Sam Hehman, Andrew Kutcher & Collin Leonard, Hope Sophia Miller, Sharon Miller, Chance Summi